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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22202-3514  
Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is based on PCT/EP2003/006883 filed on June 28, 2003.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please make the following preliminary amendments.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 23-3425 any fees necessary for entry of this amendment.

Please make the following amendments to the Application as set forth below.